

March 27, 2008

# Interstate 17 Construction Update

I-17 closed periodically at Dixileta Drive Sunday morning Southbound I-17 overnight closure planned on April 12

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# **Upcoming Restrictions**

Interstate 17 will be closed periodically up to 15 minutes at a time on Sunday morning, March 30 at Dixileta Drive for utility work. Other restrictions are planned this week on I-17 and on Carefree Highway for interchange and widening projects.

On Saturday, April 12, I-17 will be closed overnight southbound between Rose Garden Lane and Pinnacle Peak Road for work on the I-17 widening project. In addition, beginning April 12 the southbound I-17 loop entrance ramp for drivers traveling westbound on Deer Valley Road will be closed for approximately one year while the interchange is reconstructed at this location. More information about these closures and detour routes will be available in next week's traffic alert.

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway are scheduled for completion in 2009. Once improvements are underway to Carefree Highway, construction will begin this winter on widening I-17 to Anthem Way.

These projects are some of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and are funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley during the next 20 years. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at <a href="https://www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways">www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways</a>.

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions on Interstate 17:

#### Interstate 17 at Dixileta Drive

Sunday, March 30

4 am. - noon

I-17 will be closed periodically for 15 minutes at a time in both directions at Dixileta Drive on Sunday morning for overhead utility work related to the I-17 widening project. Drivers should expect delays.

### Interstate 17 from Lone Mountain Road to Carefree Highway (State Route 74)

Monday, March 31 - Thursday, April 3

10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane northbound during overnight hours from Monday night until the morning of Thursday, April 3 to set temporary concrete barriers for the I-17 widening project.

## Interstate 17 at Carefree Highway (State Route 74)

Monday, March 31 - Wednesday, April 2

9 p.m. - 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane southbound at Carefree Highway during overnight hours from Monday night until Wednesday morning for work on the Carefree Highway interchange.

#### Carefree Highway (State Route 74), west of Interstate 17

Monday, March 31 - Wednesday, April 2

9 p.m. - 5 a.m.

Carefree Highway will be restricted to one lane between I-17 and the Ben Avery shooting facility during overnight hours from Monday night until Wednesday morning.

### Interstate 17 from Happy Valley to Jomax roads

Wednesday, April 2 - Thursday, April 3

9 p.m. - 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane northbound during overnight hours from Wednesday night until Thursday morning to set temporary concrete barriers and striping at the Happy Valley Road interchange.

# Interstate 17 from Rose Garden Lane to Happy Valley Road

The I-17 frontage roads will be restricted to one lane for construction of the new frontage roads and I-17 widening project. This restriction will be in place through early summer.

# Carefree Highway from I-17 to North Valley Parkway

Carefree Highway, just east of I-17, will be restricted to one lane westbound through early 2008 for work related to the reconstruction of the Carefree Highway interchange.

Drivers should anticipate minor delays and allow extra time, or adjust travel schedules to avoid closures and restrictions. ADOT appreciates your patience as we construct these improvements on *I-17*.

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Please visit our <u>Web site</u> for the most current information about planned I-17 restrictions.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-17 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the <u>ADOT Web site</u>.

- For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055 or projectupdate@lewin-associates.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Lars Jacoby at 602.712.7176 or ljacoby@azdot.gov.
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at <a href="www.az511.com">www.az511.com</a> or call 5-1-1.

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